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PASS LOWELL MILLER AND US DEL TO CHEMICALS GROUP,
FROM GLASOE.

1. FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE IN RELATION TO AGENDA ITEM 8,
DRAFT SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT REFINING ENV/CHEM/77.5, AND
MILLER MEMORANDUM OF JUNE 9.

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(A) MILLER MEMORANDUM MAKES SEVERAL KEY POINTS IN RELATION
TO DRAFT SECRETARIAT PAPER. ALL ARE GOOD.

(B) CONCERNING COMMENT ON PARA 2 OF SECRETARIAT PAPER
(MILLER'S POINT 2), COULD "EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL INFORMA-
TION" OR SOMETHING SIMILAR ALSO BE APPROPRIATELY INCLUDED
IN THE "PURPOSE" SECTION? (THIS COULD, OF COURSE, BE CON-

SIDERED TO BE IMPLICITLY COVERED BY MILLER'S SUGGESTED
CHANGE.)

(C) IN RELATION TO PARA 5 OF THE SECRETARIAT DRAFT,
COULD EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION BE APPROPRIATELY
EXPLICITLY INCLUDED? (ALTERNATIVELY, THIS MIGHT BE CON-
SIDERED ENCOMPASSED BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EXPERT
GROUPS -- MILLER'S POINT 5 -- WHICH SHOULD BE AN IMPORTANT
CLARIFICATION OF THE SECRETARIAT PAPER.)

(D) IN RELATION TO PARA 8 OF THE SECRETARIAT DRAFT,
SHOULD NOT PROVISION FOR MEETINGS OF EXPERT GROUPS, OR
SOMETHING AKIN, BE MADE TO COVER IMPORTANT CASES WHICH
DO NOT NECESSARILY CONSTITUTE "POTENTIAL CONFLICT"
SITUATIONS? ALTERNATIVELY, "POTENTIAL CONFLICT" SHOULD
BE CLEARLY, BROADLY DEFINED. (MILLER'S POINT 5 TOUCHES
ON THIS.)

(E) CONCERNING SECRETARIAT DRAFT PARA 12, A WORD LIKE
"LIMITED" WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO "RESTRICTED" WHICH
SOUNDS TOO SECRETIVE. MORE IMPORTANT, IS NOT THE SECRE-
TARIAT (RATHER THAN THE HOST) THE APPROPRIATE SOURCE TO
DISSEMINATE INFORMATION FROM LIMITED CONSULTATIONS TO
OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES? (THIS IS, IN FACT WHAT PARA
13 (B) SAYS, IN CONTRAST WITH THE LAST SENTENCE OF PARA
12.)

2. US DEL URGED TO KEEP IN MIND THAT WHILE US LEGISLA-
TION AND REGULATION MAY HAVE PRECIPITATED THIS MEETING
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AND STIRRED INTEREST IN DEVELOPING A BETTER SYSTEM OF
INFO EXCHANGE AND "CONSULTATION," WE SEEK SAME ASSURANCES
FROM OTHERS AS THEY SEEK FROM US CONCERNING EARLY AND OPEN
COMMUNICATIONS AND EXCHANGES WHEN NEW LAWS OR REGS ARE
IN THE OFFING. VANCE

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